

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 NATIONWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY) Case No. CV 14-02244 DDP (AGRx)
12 OF AMERICA,)
13 Plaintiff,) ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF
14 v.) NATIONWIDE INSURANCE'S MOTION FOR
15 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., et al.,) DISCHARGE AND AUTHORIZING
16 Defendants.) REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES
) [docket number 28]

Having considered the parties' arguments regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Discharge And Leave To Deposit Funds Into the Registry Of The Court And Request For Attorneys' Fees And Costs, the Court grants the motion as follows.

22 As a disinterested stakeholder facing competing demands for
23 the \$118,000 in insurance policy benefits in dispute in this Action
24 (the "Stake"), Plaintiff is granted leave to deposit funds into the
25 Registry of the Court.

26 A court may award a stakeholder reasonable attorneys' fees and
27 costs in bringing an interpleader. "The amount of fees to be
28 awarded in an interpleader action is committed to the sound
discretion of the district court." Trustees of Directors Guild of

1 Am.-Producer Pension Benefits Plans v. Tise, 234 F.3d 415, 426 (9th
2 Cir. 2000). Having reviewed Plaintiff's billing records, the Court
3 finds that Plaintiff incurred \$15,890.00 in reasonable attorneys'
4 fees and \$775.70 in costs. Accordingly, Plaintiff is ordered to
5 deposit \$101,334.30 into the Registry of the Court, representing
6 the Stake minus Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
7 Plaintiff shall file proof of deposit of \$101,334.30 into the
8 Registry of the Court within 30 days. Upon deposit of the Stake
9 into the Registry of the Court, Plaintiff shall be dismissed with
10 prejudice from this Action and discharged from all liability for
11 the Stake.

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13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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16 Dated: October 2, 2014


DEAN D. PREGERSON
United States District Judge

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